

ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

A cover assembly for a vehicle having a convertible top stowage area and a trunk. The cover assembly includes a stowage cover and an intermediate panel disposed between the trunk and the convertible top stowage area. The assembly also includes a connecting apparatus attached to the stowage cover and the intermediate panel. The connecting apparatus is configured to guide the stowage cover between a covering position, in which the stowage cover is covering the convertible top stowage area, and a stored position, in which the stowage cover is located in the trunk. In addition, a method for covering a convertible top of a vehicle that includes a convertible top stowage area and a trunk. The method includes moving the convertible top of the vehicle from an up position to a down position, in which the convertible top is located in the convertible top stowage area, and guiding the stowage cover from a stored position, in which the stowage cover is located in the trunk, to a covering position, in which the stowage cover is covering the stowage area. The guiding of the stowage cover is performed using a connecting apparatus attached to the stowage cover and to an intermediate panel disposed between the trunk and the convertible top stowage area.